Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated July 02, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-24, 26-27, 29-35, 37-41, 43-45, 48-49, 51 and 53-55 are currently pending. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 18-24, 26-27, 29-35, 37-39, 45, and 48-49 are allowed. Claims 10-17, 40-44, 51 and 53-55 are rejected.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 6, 10-17, 25, 28, 36, 40-44, 46-47 and 50-55 have been previously or are being cancelled in this Amendment. Applicants assert that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

103 Rejections

Claims 10-17, 40-44, 51 and 53-55 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawlor in view of Zapiec (U.S. Patent App. 2004/0236650). Claims 10-17, 40-44, 51 and 53-55 have been cancelled and as such any rejections concerning claims 10-17, 40-44, 51 and 53-55 are therefore moot.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-5, 7-9, 18-24, 26-27, 29-35, 37-39, 45, and 48-49 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be provided in light of the allowed subject matter. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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